

Letter to the editor

The cover photo on the December 2002 issue shows an FA-18 launching from the USS *Kitty Hawk*. The caption incorrectly stated the aircraft was from the VFA-195 Dambusters. Actually, the aircraft was from the VFA-192 Golden Dragons. The telltale "golden legs" give away the squadron, and the dragon head and the side number also identify the unit.

If this photo was taken in late 2001 during deployment to the North Arabian Sea, it's possible the photographer misidentified the squadron. The FA-18 component of the airwing consisted of a joint detachment from both squadrons. Each sent four jets and about 25 people. We all worked out of the same spaces and shared parts, problems, and the success of the detachment under the name "Hornets."

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Thanks for clarifying the rightful owner of the golden legs. We were impressed with the photo and the eye-catching struts, and knew it would make a great cover. A few of our maintainers reviewed the regs governing paint schemes, and we trust the squadron has the paint-scheme waiver readily available.—Ed.

Mishap-Free Milestones

HSL-44	15 years	(125,300 hours)
VAQ-135	7 years	(11,100 hours)
HS-6	14 years	(47,500 hours)
VFA-81	9 years	(36,900 hours)
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VF-11	9 years	(30,002.7 hours)
VAQ-138	21 years	(36,000 hours)
VFA-131	15 years	(64,000 hours)
HC-3	29 years	(180,000 hours)
VP-46	39 years	(273,000 hours)